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On 20 May 1951, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia and a few with signal insignia, and some soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were at the Wustrow (M 55/O 51) AAA range.

most of the troops had arrived at the beginning of May and held firing practice on only a few days prior to 14 May. The troops fired at sleeve targets towed by a single plane which allegedly took off and landed on the peninsula proper. No firing practice was held from 14 to 20 May. The number of troops at the range was estimated at 3,000. Some units of soldiers were seen receiving infantry training near the quarters on 14 May. Four heavy AA guns were seen on the northern shore of the peninsula. Masts and wires of a radio station were seen near the guns. There was intensive traffic between the town of Rerik and the peninsula. Officers observed included 30 artillery officers up to and including majors, 1 lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, 5 officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and 3 medical officers. Two units of about 40 men each received infantry training with carbines near the road barrier on 20 May. A great deal of troop movement was observed at the AAA range, but no details could be seen because of the great distance. Six heavy AA guns with steeply elevated barrels stood on the northern shore of the peninsula. A unit of 10 officers and about 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia marched out toward Rerik at about 11:30 a.m. The unit returned after about one hour. each carrying 5 officers and about 25 men and towing an 85-mm AA gun, were seen entering Rerik.

* Comment. The estimate of about 3,000 troops at the AAA range is possibly correct. Units confirmed at Wustrow until 20 May 1951 included those of the 4th Gds AAA Div of the First Gds Mecz Army; the unidentified AAA Division of the Third Gds Mecz Army; the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army; the 13th AAA Div of the Eighth Gds Army; and the 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army. to the 6th Arty Div to the unidentified artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army.

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